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◀ **AD3 Eric Kern** observes an aircraft descending from the flight deck to the hangar bay on an aircraft elevator aboard *USS Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76).

Photo by MC3 Kevin S. O'Brien

[On the Front Cover]

Sailors aboard *USS Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) stand at attention as two military veterans are laid to rest in the Pacific Ocean during a burial-at-sea ceremony. ADCS Gilberto Gordils Jr., formerly assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 115, was one of the veterans laid to rest during the ceremony. Gordils' former squadron is currently aboard *Ronald Reagan* assigned to Carrier Air Wing 14 where many of the Sailors from the squadron gathered to pay their last respects.

Photo by MC3 Joanna M. Rippee

[On the Back Cover]

Sailors assigned to *USS Hawaii* (SSN 776) stand at attention after hoisting the National Ensign and Commissioning Pennant, placing the ship in active service. *Hawaii* is the third *Virginia*-class submarine to be commissioned, and the first major U.S. Navy combatant vessel class designed with the post-Cold War security environment in mind. She embodies the warfighting and operational capabilities required to dominate the littorals while maintaining undersea dominance in the open ocean.

Photo by MCC Shawn P. Eklund



Throughout the year, *All Hands* tries to showcase the many ways that Sailors around the globe contribute to the well-being of their nation.

You'll find Sailors just about anywhere, supporting maritime security, fostering international cooperation, providing humanitarian assistance, contributing boots on the ground and participating in a huge range of missions. You'll find evidence of that right here in our annual "Any Day in the Navy" issue, which is intended to highlight the Navy as seen by Navy photographers and others around the world. We here on the staff of *All Hands* can't be everywhere at once, but they are.

It's a challenge to take more than 12,000 photos taken between July 2006 and July 2007, and distill them down into a compelling and fair representation of our Navy, but that is what we strive for. We hope that you enjoy a glimpse of what Sailors bring to the fight every day, all around the world.



▲ **MU3 Christian Ivy** plays the tuba on the floor at the Kadena Children's Center on Okinawa, Japan. Ivy and the other four members of 7th Fleet Band's "Shonan Brass" performed for children, teachers and volunteers at the center.

Photo by MC2 Matthew Schwarz



▲ **An explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) student** prepares to render a mine safe during a training evolution in Destin, Fla. Having trained physically and mentally for more than a year, the newest EOD members are ready to become a part of EOD's tradition of saving lives and protecting property.

Photo by MC2 Jayme Pastoric



▲ **Boatswain's mates** paint the anchor chains aboard *USS Stethem* (DDG 63), while the ship is in dry dock in Yokosuka, Japan.

Photo by Ens. Danny Ewing Jr.

◀ **SN Barry Beard** records course changes while standing helmsman aboard *USS Mobile Bay* (CG 53).

Photo by MCSN James R. Evans



▲ **Fire-fighting parties** work side-by-side while battling a simulated out-of-control fire in the hangar bay during a general quarters drill aboard *USS Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75).

Photo by MC3 Kristopher Wilson



▲ **Amphibious assault vehicles** release Marines embarked in *USS Rushmore* (LSD 47). These Marines are participating in the exercise to be prepared in case an actual assault occurs.

Photo by MCSA Jeffery J. Gabriel Jr.



▲ **Runners crawl through the final obstacle of the 14th Annual World Famous Mud Run** at Camp Pendleton, Calif. More than 3,500 people from all over the world ran the challenging 10K course which included hills, tire obstacles, river crossings, two 5-foot walls with mud on both sides, a tunnel crawl, a slippery hill climb and a 30-foot mud pit. The revenue generated from the run supports quality-of-life programs for Marines, Sailors, and their families.

Photo by MC2 Stephanie Tigner

► **Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rene Rodriguez fast ropes** from a CH-46E *Sea Knight* to the flight deck aboard USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) as the previous Marine clears the landing spot. Marines employ fast roping skills to quickly insert personnel into drop zones when landing an aircraft is not practical.

Photo by MC3 Matthew J. Kuhlman



▲ **AB2 Dusty Winkler keeps a lookout while standing sentry** with a M-240 machine gun on the flight deck aboard USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75).

Photo by MC2 Arturo Chavez



▲ **ET2 Matthew Rohloff plays the role of bugler** during a burial at sea held aboard USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76).

Photo by MC2 Christopher D. Blachly



◀ **Sailors aboard USS *Philadelphia* (SSN 690) moor the boat to the pier** and hoist the American flag upon return to Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Conn. Strong winds and low temperatures in the teens caused ice to engulf the sail of the ship.

Photo by John Narewski



▲ **TM2 Wrigley** climbs a ladder to gain access to a simulated ship during a Non-Compliant Boarding visit, board, search and seizure (NCB VBSS) training course held at Naval Support Activity Norfolk, Northwest Annex. NCB VBSS training is a three-week course designed to train Sailors to handle maritime combat scenarios in a controlled environment.

Photo by MCSN John K. Hamilton

► **AW2 Randy Eaton and DC2 Christopher Johnson** are hoisted out of the water by an MH-60S *Seahawk* assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Support Squadron 26, during combined search and rescue (SAR) training with SAR swimmers assigned to USS *Saipan* (LHA 2).

Photo by MCSN Patrick W. Mullen III



▲ **EN1 Joshua Jackson**, assigned to Riverine Squadron 1, mans the aft .50-caliber machine gun, aboard a riverine assault craft during training. RIVRON-1 assigned to Navy Expeditionary Combat Command conducted high-speed Small Unit Riverine Craft training and visit board search and seizure evolutions at Camp Lejeune, N.C., along the water banks of Cape Fear River.

Photo by MCSN Kenneth R. Hendrix



▲ **USS Wasp's (LHD 1) color guard** presents the colors while conductor Keith Lockhart leads the world-renowned Boston Pops through "The Star-Spangled Banner," at the opening ceremony of the annual Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular on the Charles River Esplanade. The nationally broadcast performance by the famous orchestra was the grand finale of nearly 250 events scheduled during Boston Harborfest 2007 and Boston Navy Week.

Photo by MCC Dave Kaylor



▲ **AN Jesse Baron** assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 signals to the crew of a P-3C *Orion* during start-up checks. VP-30 is the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol Fleet Replacement Squadron whose mission is to provide aircraft-specific training for pilots, naval flight officers and enlisted aircrew men prior to reporting to the fleet.

Photo by MC2 Lynn Friant



▲ **U.S. Navy SEAL trainees** participate in a long-range navigation exercise high in the mountains of Alaska. Special warfare operators spend 28 days learning how to survive in a cold weather environment as part of their training.

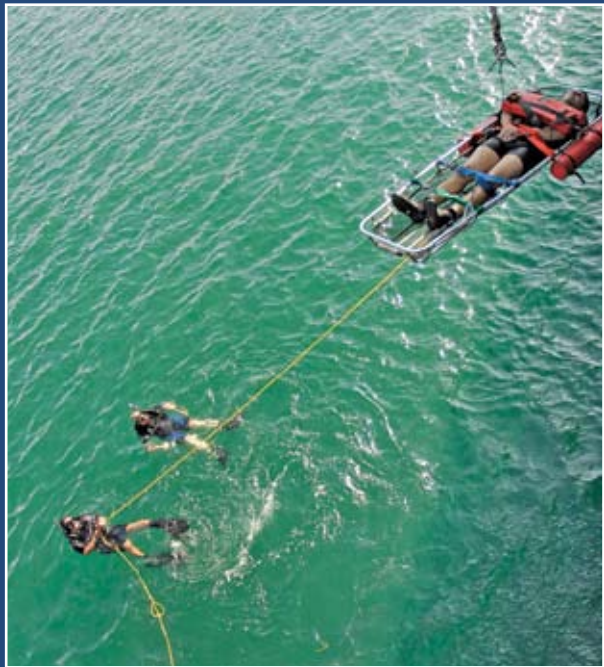
Photo by MC3 Christopher Menzie



▲ **A Sailor** aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) walks alongside an SH-60F *Seahawk*, assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 8, during an aircraft move.

Photo by MC3 Jon Hyde





▲ Sailors assigned to *USS Russell* (DDG 59) participate in a search and rescue (SAR) limited team training exercise using a Medevac litter. In the rescue phase of the SAR exercise, quickly moving a patient to a place where more intensive aid can be provided is crucial.

Photo by MCSN Daniel A. Barker

► Sailors from Strike Fighter Squadron 22 conduct a pre-dawn foreign object debris walkdown at Naval Air Station Key West, Fla., prior to the day's training operations.

Photo by MC2(SW) Timothy Cox



▲ The U.S. Naval Academy football team celebrates after winning the 2006 Army-Navy Game. Navy won the game 26-14 at Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia.

Photo by MC1(AW) Brien Aho



▲ During an aerial change of command ceremony *Ronald Reagan* Carrier Strike Group Capt. Richard Butler (background), with more than 21 years of experience as a naval aviator, relieved Capt. Craig Williams as the commander of Carrier Air Wing 14 while flying F/A-18C Hornets.

Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Tam Pham



▲ *USS Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76), *USS Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) and *USS Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) sail in formation at the start of Exercise *Valiant Shield* 2006. Nearly 300 aircraft and approximately 22,000 service members from the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard participated in the exercise.

Photo by MCC Spike Call



▲ Vice President Richard Cheney along with members of the Senate and the House of Representatives honor former President Gerald R. Ford during national farewell funeral ceremonies in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Photo by William D. Moss



▲ Pre-commissioning Unit *Makin Island* (LHD 8), currently under construction in Pascagoula, Miss., is the Navy's first amphibious assault ship equipped with an all-electric auxiliary system and a hybrid gas turbine-electric propulsion system.

Photo by Steve Blount, Northrop Grumman Ship



▲ MA2 Sarah Calvert, assigned to Inshore Boat Unit (IBU) 51, mans an M-60 machine gun while conducting boat maneuvers with IBU-51 and IBU-52 in Coronado Bay, Calif., to ensure mission readiness. IBU-51 and IBU-52 are immediate action crisis response units that provide waterborne patrol crafts for the protection of shipping and naval vessels operating inshore and coastal areas.

Photo by MC2 Katrina Jones



▲ Air department and Carrier Air Wing 9 personnel conduct a foreign object debris walk down on the flight deck of USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) prior to nighttime flight operations.

Photo by MU1 MC3 Ron Reeves



▲ AT3 Shannan Foley, assigned to the Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion, plays with an Iraqi child as he waits to see a relative who is being detained at the Theater Internment Facility, Camp Bucca, Iraq, Visitors Center. In addition to guaranteed due process reviews, access to 24-hour medical care and culturally appropriate meals, detainees are authorized to receive family visits. Foley is a Navy individual augmentee from the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, Naval Base Coronado, Calif.

Photo by MCCS Jon McMillan



▲ MA3 Justin Solarz, assigned to Naval Station Rota, Spain's Harbor Security Division, observes USS *Minneapolis-St. Paul* (SSN 708) from his patrol boat as the submarine prepares to get underway.

Photo by MC3 Class James Hills





▲ Commander, Navy Recruiting Command's Recruiters of the Year lay wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America (WAA) campaign. WAA began in Arlington in 1992 with the message to remember and honor those who answered America's call.

Photo by MCSN Michael Russell



▲ Zorro, a military working dog for Naval Base Kitsap, Silverdale, Wash., jumps through the obstacle course as MA1 William Renfro, follows him. Zorro is being trained to conduct foot patrols; perform vehicle and building inspections and any other tasks required of him.

Photo by MCSN Samuel Renteria

◀ AW1 Carlos Hernandez flies in an MH-60S *Seahawk*, attached to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28 aboard USNS *Comfort* (T-AH 20).

Photo by MC2 Joan E. Kretschmer



▲ YN2 Patrick Shuman mans his station as the deck control phone talker during a replenishment at sea between USNS *Bridge* (T-AOE 10) and USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) during *Composite Training Unit Exercise* off the coast of Southern California.

Photo by MC3 Ashley Gayton



▲ Cruising along side-by-side while pumping thousands of gallons of fuel, USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) and USS *Paul Hamilton* (DDG 60) perform a fueling at sea while underway in support of operations in the western Pacific.

Photo by MCC Spike Call



▲ **USS Cowpens (CG 63) (foreground) is followed by USS Lassen (DDG 82), USS John S. McCain (DDG 56), USS Vandegrift (FFG 48) and USNS Tippecanoe (T-AO 199) during the kick off to Exercise Valiant Shield 2006.**

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▲ **The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels perform aerial acrobatics during the 2006 Miramar Air Show, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. The air show celebrated its 50th anniversary.**

Photo by MCSN Daniel A. Barker



▲ **A Micro Air Vehicle (MAV) takes off on a reconnaissance flight to search for a simulated improvised explosive device. The MAV is in the operational test phase with military explosive ordnance disposal teams to evaluate its short-range reconnaissance capabilities, China Lake, Calif.**

Photo by MC2 Kenneth G. Takada



▲ **Students in the chemical, biological and radiological phase of training at the Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal School don full protective gear and are taught to maneuver around hazardous material without spreading the contamination, on Eglin AFB, Fla.**

Photo by MC2 Jayme Pastoric



▲ **A landing craft air cushion leaves the well deck aboard USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7).**

Photo by MCSN Christopher L. Clark



▼ **FC2 Andrea L. McCellan reads to her son through the United Through Reading Program aboard USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7). Iwo Jima is taking part in this program to keep parents in touch with their children during deployment.**

Photo by MCAN Joshua T. Rodriguez



▲ Lt. Nels Peterson signals to his team after diving along Djibouti City, Djibouti, piers. Peterson is currently attached to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 8, and deployed to the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

Photo by MCC Eric A. Clement



▲ The Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS *Illustrious* (R 06), and USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) and USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) transit in formation during a multi-ship maneuvering exercise in support of Operation *Bold Step* a Joint Task Force Exercise.

Photo by MC2 Jay C. Pugh



▲ U.S. National Guard Lt. Col. Richard Tate, attached to USNS *Comfort* (T-AH 20), hands out toothbrushes to children at the 15 de Julio Health Care Center, Chinendega, Nicaragua.

Photo by MC2 Joshua Karsten



▲ Lt. j.g. Tom Hennessey, officer in charge of USS *Preble's* (DDG 88) visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team, attempts to count personnel aboard an oil tanker before an Iraqi VBSS team boards the ship in the Persian Gulf.

Photo by MC2 Ron Reeves



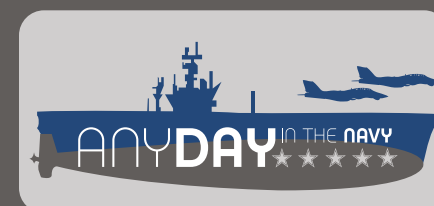
▲ Pearl Harbor survivor Clarendon Hetrick views the shrine area of the USS *Arizona* Memorial following a joint U.S. Navy/National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. More than 1,500 Pearl Harbor survivors, their families and friends from around the nation joined more than 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public for the annual observance.

Photo by MC1 James E. Foehl



▲ A Filipino child looks through the window of a school in Cotabato, Republic of the Philippines, that will be remodeled with the cooperation from members of the Filipino 54th Engineering Brigade, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 and Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 1. NMCB-7 and ACB-1 are deployed with amphibious assault ship USS *Peleliu* (LHA 5) in support of *Pacific Partnership* 2007.

Photo by MC3 Paul D. Williams





▲ SH2 Ligia Segura translates as Cmdr. Linda Nash, head of nursing aboard USNS *Comfort* (T-AH 20), records patient information off the coast of Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

Photo by MC2 Steven King

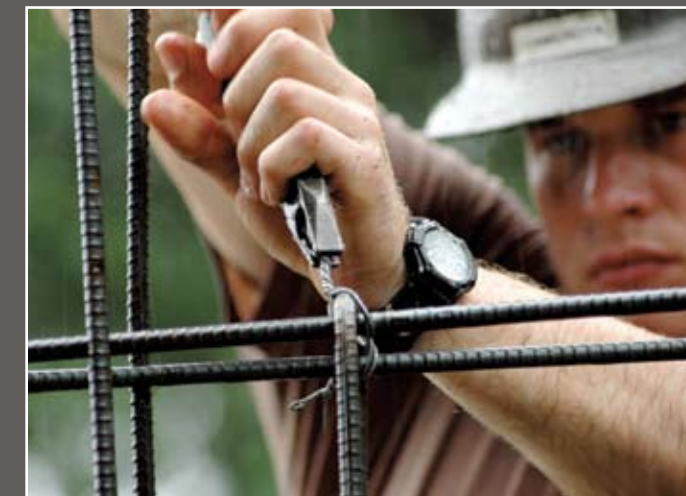
► Lt. Kevin Haveman, with 3rd Medical Battalion, cleans teeth with a dental assistant from the “East Meets West Dental Program” at Nai Hiem Dong Medical Station, Da Nang, Vietnam. In support of the local community, Pacific Partnership dentists help take care of cleaning and extracting teeth for a variety of patients.

Photo by MC3 Bryan M. Ilyankoff



▲ A young student from Balbala School, Balbala, Djibouti, holds a soccer ball given to her by service members from Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.

Photo by MCC Eric A. Clement



▲ BU2 Armando Camerota attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 uses pliers to tighten tie wire, while working on a reinforced concrete project in San Fernando, Republic of the Philippines during the annual *Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training* 2006 exercise.

Photo by MC3 Class Ja'lon A. Rhinehart



▲ Air Force Capt. Jennifer Owen (center) and Maj. Mary Ann Garbowski assigned to the Medical Treatment Facility aboard USNS *Mercy* (T-AH 19), examine a local resident's eyes during a Medical and Dental Civil Action Project off the coast of Nias Island, Indonesia.

Photo by MC1 Michael R. McCormick



▲ Students of Mabanengbeng Elementary School, San Fernando, Republic of the Philippines, gather around the project site to see the progress on the new addition to their school as HN Samirah Abdullah sifts sand.

Photo by MC3 Class Ja'lon A. Rhinehart



▲ Lt. Cmdr. Gregg Langham, a U.S. Public Health Service veterinarian attached to USNS *Comfort* (T-AH 20), injects cattle with anti-parasite vaccination at the Dos Potrillos Ranch. *Comfort* is on a four-month humanitarian deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean to provide medical treatment to patients in a dozen countries.

Photo by MC2(AW/SW) Joshua Karsten



▲ Lt. Cmdr. Bachman from Occupational Hospital Support Unit (OHSU) gives physical therapy treatment to a Thai woman in Ban Nong Pawa School, Bahnkai Rayong Province, Thailand, during *Cobra Gold* 2007.

Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Concepcion



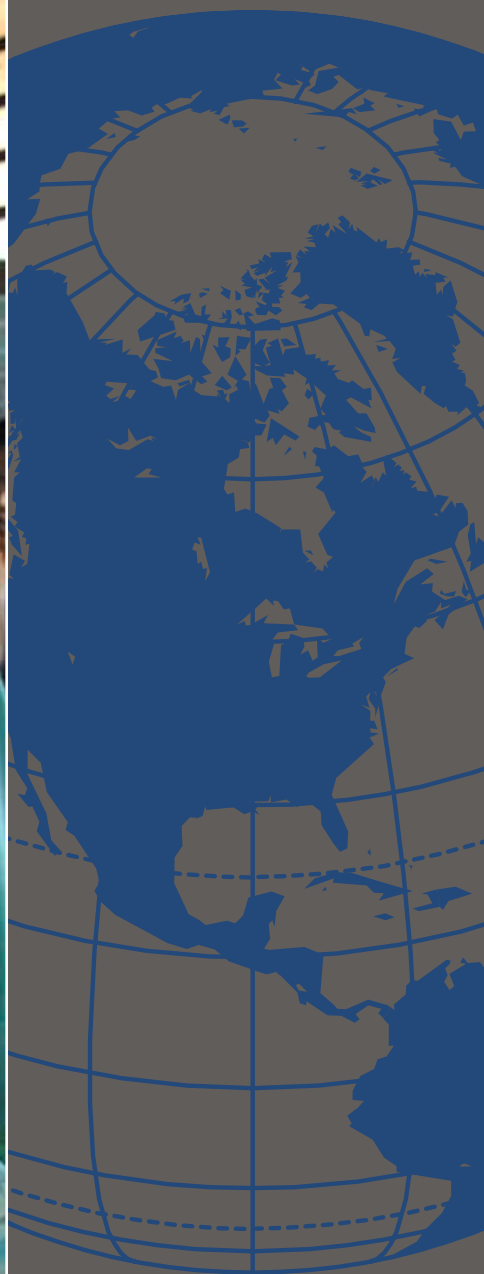
▲ Sailors with the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force's Indonesian relief team treat a patient for lacerations and broken bones at a mobile surgery hospital, Sewon, Indonesia. The injuries were received during a 6.2 magnitude earthquake that devastated the island of Java and left more than 33,000 Indonesians injured.

Photo by Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Warren Peace



▲ Children watch as military dentists and technicians, attached to USNS *Comfort* (T-AH 20), provide dental care to patients at the Puerto Barrios National Hospital, Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

Photo by MC2 Steven King



◀ **HM3 Nina Kovacs**, assigned to 3rd Medical Battalion, ensures sterile conditions are maintained on dental equipment during the Medical Civic Action Program portion of Exercise *Balikatan* 2007, Magsaysay, Republic of the Philippines.

Photo by MC2 Johansen Laurel



▲ Lt. Cmdr. Robert B. Traeder, an engineer with the Khost Provisional Reconstruction Team (PRT), prepares a bag of hygiene supplies for a young Afghan girl who attended a medical engagement held at the Mosa Khil Health Center in eastern Afghanistan. The Khost PRT gave out hygiene supplies and administered de-worming medication to more than 140 children during the event.

Photo by Army Spec. Matthew Leary



▲ USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) sits anchored off of the coast of Zamboanga, Republic of the Philippines, during a scheduled humanitarian visit.

Photo by MC3 Timothy F. Sosa

◀ Medical personnel aboard USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) perform an initial health screening for a Guatemalan infant. The mother, seated close by, was concerned because the infant was not eating or thriving. She brought the baby to the Sailors working at the National Hospital in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

Photo by MCC Shawn P. Eklund



▲ Lightning blazes in the distance above USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) while berthed at her pier in Norfolk.

Photo by MCSN Matthew D. Williams



▲ The Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion Chaplain (Cmdr.) Anne Krekelberg plays with an Iraqi child as he waits at the Camp Bucca, Iraq, Visitors Center to see a relative who is being detained at the Theater Internment Facility. In addition to guaranteed due process reviews, access to 24-hour medical care and culturally appropriate meals, detainees are authorized to receive family visits. Krekelberg is a Navy individual augmentee from the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment, Gulfport, Miss.

Photo by MCCS Jon McMillan

▼ SK1 Jeremy Watkins uses strength training to prepare himself for the Spring Physical Readiness Test at Naval Station Rota, Spain.

Photo by MC3 James Hills





▲ Sailors of Assault Craft Unit 5 walk off Landing Craft Utility 1651 to set up a beachhead, during an assault rehearsal for exercise *Talisman Saber* '07 in Shoalwater Bay, Australia. The exercise is designed to prepare both nations for crisis action planning and the execution of contingency operations.

Photo by MC3 Jhoan Montolio



▲ Marines attached to Alpha Co., 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment attend a Catholic mass at Forward Operating Base (FOB) 106 with Chaplain (Cmdr.) Dennis J. Rocheford. Rocheford, from 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, is traveling around to all of the FOBs and traffic control points in Ar Rutbah, Iraq, to worship with Marines and Sailors.

Photo by Marine Corps Cpl. Shane S. Keller



▲ OS1 Korey Herinckx, sweeps his family into his arms after USS *Gridley* (DDG 101) pulled into port during their homeport ceremony. *Gridley* arrived at her new homeport, Naval Base San Diego, from Miami.

Photo by MCSN Kathleen Gorby



▲ Personnel from Naval Special Warfare Unit 2 board USNS *Grasp* (T-ARS 51). *Grasp* and Navy Special Operations Forces participated in a Maritime Craft Air Delivery System drop during *Flexible Leader* '07.

Photo by MCSN Eddie D. Harrison

◀ EOD1 Travis J. Schellpeper, attached to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 3, Multi-National Division Central South, Camp Echo, Iraq, systematically searches outside a residence for any evidence of a weapons cache during a cordon and search at the home of a suspected insurgent in the village of Al Naimi, Iraq. EODMU-3 along with Polish and Iraqi army soldiers responded to the home based on information obtained from an informant.

Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dawn M. Price



▲ HM1 Jason Conley, assigned to Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., pulls the slack from his rope as the UH-1N *Huey* search and rescue helicopter lands during a routine training exercise.

Photo by Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Cory A. Tepfenhart



▲ AN Robert Leggett of Strike Fighter Squadron 37 performs a routine turnaround inspection on an F/A-18 *Hornet* at Naval Air Station Key West, Fla.

Photo by MC2 Timothy Cox



▲ E-2C Hawkeyes assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 115 perform a formation flight in front of Mount Fuji. VAW-115 is one of the nine squadrons assigned Carrier Air Wing 5, assigned to USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63).

Photo by MC3 Jarod Hodge



▲ Sailors and Marines stationed aboard USS Nashville (LPD 13) gather on the foredeck during a regularly scheduled deployment as part of USS Iwo Jima's Expeditionary Strike Group.

Photo by MC1 Shonn Moore



▲ BM2 Michael Shippee mans the ship's helm aboard "Old Ironsides" as she's taken out into Boston Harbor during the 2006 Navy Week turn-around cruise.

Photo by SN Michelle Sowers



▲ Sailors assigned to USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) perform taiko, Japanese for "great drum," during a welcoming ceremony for the crew of USS Shiloh (DDG 67) as she pulls into Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan.

Photo by MCSN Adam York



▲ Sailors aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) use teamwork to lower catapult No. 2 back into the flight deck during the last phase of Lincoln's Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability.

Photo by MC3 Jordon R. Beesley



▲ Residents of South Boston cheer Sailors assigned to USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) as they march in the 106th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrating Boston's Irish heritage.

Photo by MCC Dave Kaylor

▼ Sailors participate in the Super Bowl Sunday 5K run on the flight deck of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) while operating in the Atlantic Ocean.

Photo by MCSN Joshua A. Moore





▲ A landing craft air cushion prepares to enter the well deck of USS *Kearsarge* (LHD 3).

Photo by MC3 Patrick Gearhiser



▲ PS3 Wilbert E. Pacheco, assigned to USS *Normandy* (CG 60), stands a low visibility lookout on the forecastle in the Arctic Ocean. Pacheco was calling in the location of ice sheets floating in *Normandy's* path.

Photo by MC3 Vincent J. Street



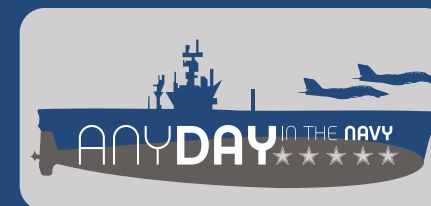
▲ A Sailor assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit (EODMU) 2 jumps from an MH-60S *Seahawk* assigned to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HSC) 26 while conducting static-line jump operations. EODMU-2 continuously trains to maintain their proficiency in exiting an aircraft in an expeditious and safe manner.

Photo by MC3 Kenneth R. Hendrix



▲ Helicopter in-flight rescue crewmen hang from an MH-60S *Seahawk* search and rescue helicopter during a training mission in the North Cascade Mountains, Wash. During this scenario, crewmen rappelled down a hillside, secured in a harness, were carried below the helicopter (known as a short haul) and set down in a more open area where they could be picked up into the aircraft.

Photo by MC2 Jon Rasmussen



▲ USS *Scranton* (SSN 756) departs the harbor at Souda Bay, Crete, following a routine port visit to Greece's largest island.

Photo by Paul Farley



▲ Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen speaks with Director of the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA), Command Master Chief Steven Juskiewicz, during a tour of the facility. Mullen held an all hands call with SEA students discussing the future of the Navy, individual augmentees in the global war on terrorism, emphasized deckplate leadership and took questions from the audience.

Photo by MC1 Chad J. McNeeley



▲ Patrol Boats assigned to Inshore Boat Units 51 and 52 conduct operations near Coronado Bay Bridge, San Diego. The two units are part of Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 5.

Photo by MC1 Michael B. W. Watkins



▲ EOD₁ Rick Cote throws up his hands after losing a game of tic-tac-toe with a young boy. Cote and members of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 3, based in San Diego were on hand at Aerospace and Arizona Days Air Show for festivities congruent with Tucson Navy Week.

Photo by MC1 Janine Deneault



▲ Sailors assigned to the Sasebo-based mine warfare ships *USS Guardian* (MCM 5) and *USS Patriot* (MCM 7) prepare to moor abreast at Port Sonai for a two-day port visit to Yonaguni, Okinawa, a small island located at the end of the Ryukyu Islands chain. *Guardian* and *Patriot's* port call marked the first time a Navy vessel visited the island since the United States returned Okinawa to Japan in 1972.

Photo by MC2 Ryan C. McGinley



▲ U.S. Naval Sea Cadets execute push-ups on the coast line of Little Creek Amphibious Base during Explosive Ordnance Disposal Diving training (EOD/Diving). The EOD/Diving training is a three-week long course taught that not only educates the sea cadets about the Naval special warfare community, but emphasizes teamwork along with individual accomplishment in the team environment.

Photo by MC3 Katherine Boeder



◀ Sailors from *USS Guardian* (MCM 5) learn defensive scenario drills for a required security reaction force basic course. During this phase of training, watch standers are taught techniques that allow them to defend the ship against intruders threatening the safety of the ship and Sailors. Basic weapon familiarization was covered along with non-lethal means of incapacitating terrorists or other personnel who attempt to infiltrate the ship.

Photo by MC2 Joshua J. Wahl



▲ YN3 Jesse Robles, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, breaks away from an Army defender at the Okinawa Island Army vs. Navy flag football game. Army defeated the Navy team, 49-29.

Photo by MC2 Chad Runge



◀ ABEAN Wesley Maynard wraps one of four steam-powered catapults on the flight deck of *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65).

Photo by MC3 Rob Gaston



▲ **USS Essex (LHD 2)** landing signal enlisted, ABAN Senny Jolicoeur, guides in a CH-53E *Super Stallion* loaded with Marines and equipment assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 during bilateral exercises, Exercise *Talon Vision* and *Amphibious Landing* Exercise with the armed forces of the Philippines.

Photo by MC1Michael D. Kennedy



▲ **Petty Officer 1st Class Craig Herb** (left), plots a course as **Lt. David Leathers** looks on in the control room aboard **USS Texas (SSN 775)**.

Photo by MC2 Roadell Hickman



▲ A **Standard Missile (SM) 3** is launched from **USS Shiloh (CG 67)** during a joint Missile Defense Agency, U.S. Navy ballistic missile flight test. Two minutes later, the SM-3 intercepted a separating ballistic missile threat target, launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii.

Photo by U.S. Navy



▲ **Sailors prepare to take cover** as a sandstorm engulfs the hardened aircraft shelter at **Al Asad Air Base, Iraq**.

Photo by AMCS Andrew Stack



▲ A **U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman** crawls under barbed wire at **U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.**, as a part of **Leatherneck**. Leatherneck is a voluntary four-week program, which provides future officers firsthand exposure to Marine Corps life through a high-tempo training schedule.

Photo by MCSR Matthew A. Ebarb



▲ An F/A-18C *Hornet* assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 86, launches from the flight deck of USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65).

Photo by MCSN Marshall James



▲ Sailors push a floating target overboard during small-arms qualification aboard USS *Boxer* (LHD 4).

Photo by MC3 Jarod Hodge



▲ U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen cheer as they tie the score during the first half of the 2006 Army-Navy game in Philadelphia. This was the 107th meeting between the two service schools.

Photo by MC1(AW) Brien Aho



▲ Carrier Strike Group 10's Chief of Staff, Capt. Michael Ullrich, (far left), shares a laugh with his pilot, Carrier Air Wing 3 Deputy Commander, Capt. Andrew Lewis as they walk along the flight deck of USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75). The flight was Ullrich's 800th career arrested recovery aboard an aircraft carrier.

Photo by MC2 Kristopher Willson



▲ Officer of the Deck Lt. Junior Grade Darrin Barber (left) heads out to sea aboard USS *Texas* (SSN 775) with a group of local and national media.

Photo by MC2 Roadell Hickman



▲ U.S. Navy SEALs perform a live fire exercise at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek's shooting facility.

Photo by MCC Shawn P. Eklund





◀ **Walking the track of the No. 1 steam-powered catapult, an aviation boatswain's mate checks the catapult prior to the commencement of flight operations aboard USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76).**

Photo by MC2 Aaron Burden

▶ **OS3 Lam Nguyen keeps track of nearby ships on the status board on the bridge aboard USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) during Exercise *Valiant Shield* 2006.**

Photo by MCSN Patrick L. Heil

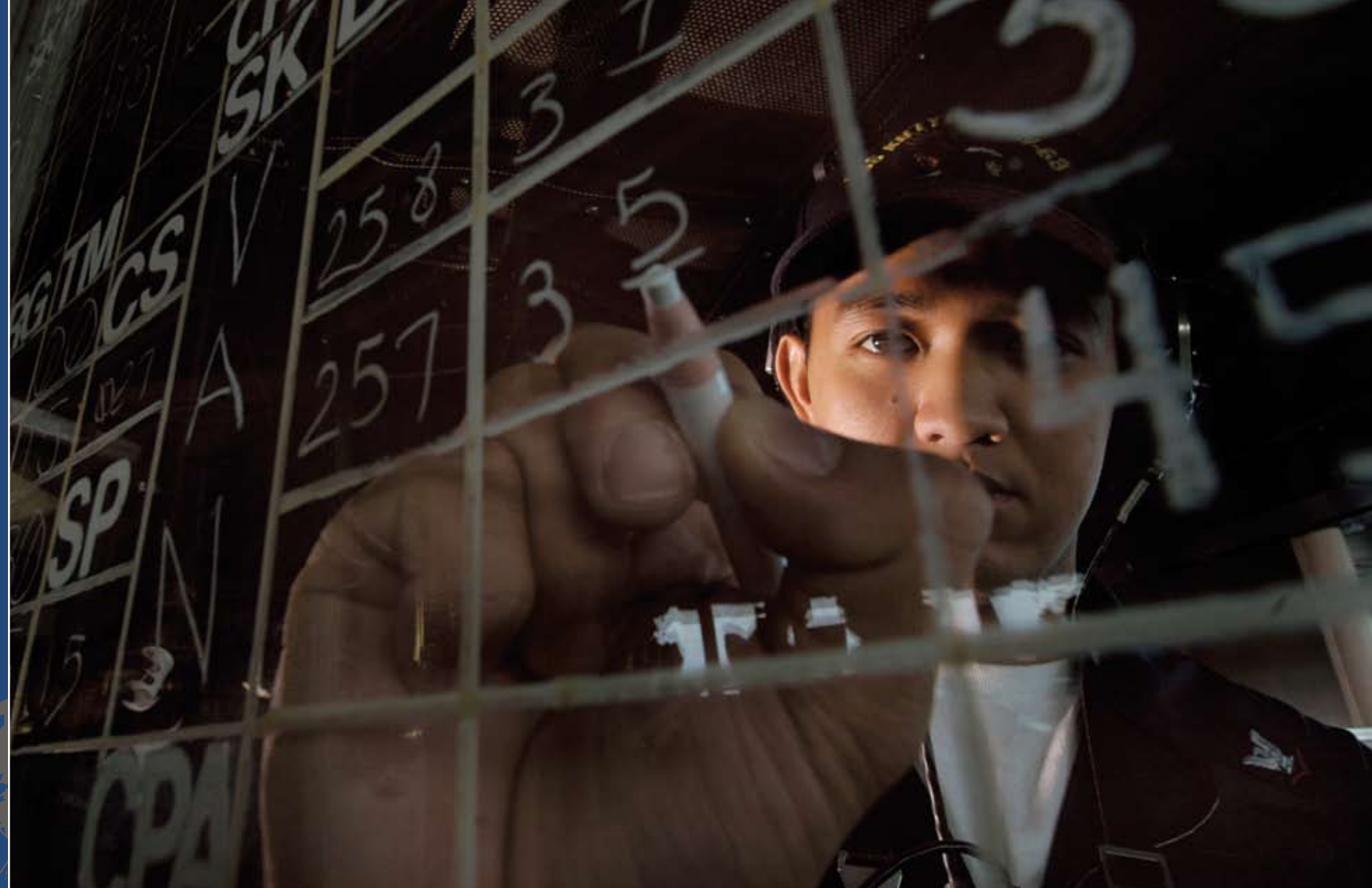
▼ **SN Ethan Cypher gives the thumbs up to instructors as he and SN Jeff Finkel prepare to undergo decompression chamber training. Students at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, Panama City, Fla., undergo various training scenarios to prepare them for duties involving underwater emergencies and procedures. The dive school graduates approximately 1,400 candidates per year in basic and advanced diving certifications.**

Photo by MC2 Jayme Pastoric



▲ **The All-Navy Men's Soccer Team starting Goalkeeper, MC3 Ian Elias, goes up for a save during a match against the Marines held at Patton Park, Jacksonville, Fla.**

Photo by MC2 Adam Herrada



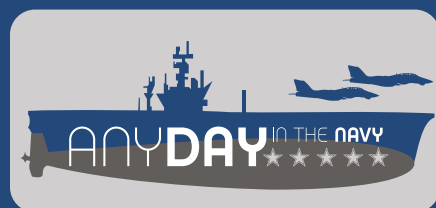
▲ **SN Sandra Rodriguez relays information while Ens. Ashley Lorenz plots damage during a general quarters drill aboard USS *Bunker Hill* (CG 52).**

Photo by MC3 James F. Bartels



▲ **AMAN Oscar Li, Bluejacket of the Year aboard USS *Wasp* (LHD 1) and ET1 David G. Jackel II, Sailor of the Year aboard USS *Bulkeley* (DDG 84), recite the Pledge of Allegiance from Boston's Old State House balcony to a crowd of thousands below during Boston Navy Week. The Declaration of Independence was read to Americans for the very first time from the same balcony 231 years ago.**

Photo by MC1 Mark O'Donald



Editor's note:

We have received comments regarding our photo-illustration on the August cover of *All Hands* magazine. The cover was labeled a photo-illustration because we had removed the sterile, brick background of the original photograph and superimposed the image of the chief and his wife on a background consisting of a green, wooded area with a road winding through the greenery. With it was the title of our cover story, "The Road to Recovery." Our intent was to imply the hope and progress that is part of going down that road to recovery.

While the final execution of our photo-illustration was not as originally envisioned – we had meant for the background to have a more pastel, chalk-like appearance – there was no intention to deceive you, our audience. We regret any misunderstanding our photo-illustration might have created.

The staff of *All Hands* magazine takes our commitment to you seriously and will continue to strive to maintain only the highest of standards for both our reporting and photography.

– Marie G. Johnston
Editor



▲ A flight deck officer runs along the length of an erected aircraft barricade checking its integrity during a barricade drill on the flight deck of USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65).

Photo by MC2 Milosz Reterski

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